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	10/751,234	KUMAR PANJWANI, DILEEP	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 November 2007.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 12-19 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 16-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 12-15 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 02 January 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/24/08.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 12-19 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

2. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 12-15 in the reply filed on November 23, 2007 is acknowledged.

Claims 16-19 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 23 November 2007.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 12-15 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roesch et al. (Roesch), U.S. Patent No. 7,240,368 in view of Shukla, U.S. PG-PUB 2002/0042875.

As per claim 12:

Roesch substantially teaches a method for preventing intrusions to a computer system, comprising:

using a network-based appliance to intercept data packets (fig. 2, Router item 20, 6:58-7:10);

deciding whether to forward the intercepted packets or whether to route the intercepted packets to a virtual proxy (6:58-7:10, wherein the IMDS 65 is the virtual proxy); performing TCP or UDP processing on the intercepted packets before routing them to the virtual proxy (5:43-59); using the virtual proxy to analyze the packets that have been routed to the virtual proxy to detect intrusions (7:11-8:23).

Kim fails to teach using the virtual proxy to direct a transport layer to modify packets. However, Shukla discloses modifying packets at the transport layer (paragraphs 0056 and 0087).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to modify the transport layer in order in order to protect the packet from NATs as taught by Shukla (paragraph 0056).

As per claims 13 and 14:

Shukla further teaches modifying data in the packets at specified locations and removing data from the packets (paragraphs 0053-0057).

As per claim 15:

Kim further teaches sending a packet stream modification request from an active network-based appliance to a standby network-based appliance to support fault tolerance (7:11-8:23, wherein the IDMS is the standby appliance since, if an attack is detected, the IDMS is affected, but the rest of the active network, remains in tact).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KRISTIN D. SANDOVAL whose telephone number is (571)272-7958. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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